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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ANTIOXIDANT-COATED LEAD ACID BATTERY SEPARATORS HAVING IMPROVED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES, the specification of which

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☐ was filed on _____ as United States Patent Application No. or PCT International Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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None.

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(Application Number)

May 23, 2001
(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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